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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR TURNOVER

REF: STATE 185890

1. EMBASSY NAIROBI'S PORT CONGESTION AND POLITICAL DIGESTION PROBLEM WELL UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED. AS FOR CONGESTION WE (AND MAURITIANS) CERTAINLY HAD OUR HANDS FULL HERE MID-AUGUST WITH OVERLAPPING TRIANGULAR NAVAL CONFERENCE.

2. AS FAR AS I CAN SEE NOW WE CAN NOT ONLY BACK MIDEASTFOR TURNOVER HERE NOV 4-11 BUT WOULD WELCOME IT -- ESPECIALLY IF NAVY CAN FINALLY PUT ALL ITS SURGEONS, SCALPELS AND SUTURES TOGETHER TO PERFORM LONG-AWAITED HEART TRANSPLANT FOR "UNCLE SAM" DURING VISIT.

3. BEFORE FINAL DECISION IS MADE ON VISIT, HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT AND DOD TO PUT THEIR HEADS TOGETHER TO CHECK OUT ALL RPT ALL OTHER PLANS FOR OTHER USN, NATO NAVIES AND OTHER NAVAL VISITS HERE FOR REST OF THIS YEAR. WITH THAT INFO IN HAND WE CAN BETTER JUDGE AND HELP AVOID POSSIBLE OVERLOAD PROBLEMS FOR BENEFIT OF ALL CONCERNED.

4. FYI: I HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE WORLD WAR II TWO

JAPANESE NAVY SHIPS WILL VISIT PORT LOUIS OCTOBER 20-25. WE WILL REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY OTHER PROJECTED NAVAL VISITS HERE AND REPORT
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